

Solo Leveling

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Original Novel · Chugong

Story · h-goon

Epilogue

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MY NAME IS
"ANTARES."

I AM THE FIRST
AND STRONGEST
MONARCH WHO
WAS BORN FROM
THE DARKNESS.



I AM THE KING OF
ALL DRAGONS, AS
WELL AS A SYMBOL
OF FEAR AND
DESTRUCTION.

THAT'S RIGHT.



THOSE WHO KNOW ME
CALL ME "THE DRAGON
KING" WITH REVERENCE
AND RESPECT.

BUT ONE DAY,

WHILE I WAS HIDING IN
THE DIMENSIONAL RIFT
AND PREPARING TO
INVADE EARTH WITH MY

10 MILLION SOLDIERS,



I OPENED
MY EYES...



...AND FOUND
MYSELF INSIDE
A HUMAN'S BODY.



WHY DOES
THIS HUMAN LOOK
SO WEAK?



HAA, HOW PATHETIC.

THIS HUMAN'S NAME IS SUNG JINWOO.

HE IS A YOUNG MAN WHO IS AN E-RANK HUNTER IN A COUNTRY CALLED KOREA.

GLANCE

ALTHOUGH HE IS WEAK, HE HAS BEEN AWAKENED AS A HUNTER. THANKS TO THAT, HE MUST HAVE COME CLOSE TO DEATH SEVERAL TIMES. YET IT APPEARS THAT HE STILL HASN'T GIVEN UP ON BEING A HUNTER.



IS IT...
BECAUSE OF
HIS MOTHER'S
ILLNESS?

HAA...
I COULD'VE EASILY
HEALED A PETTY
DISEASE LIKE THAT
WITH MY MAGIC.

BZZZ

BZZZ

WHO'S THIS?

WHERE ARE
YOU, MR. SUNG?

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR
OUR RAID, BUT I DON'T
SEE YOU HERE YET...

ARE YOU GOING TO
BE LATE AGAIN?



...!

TARDINESS...

...IS THE ACT OF
ARRIVING LATER THAN
THE DESIGNATED TIME,
DUE TO ONE'S FAILURE
TO BE PUNCTUAL.



IN OTHER WORDS,
THIS WOMAN IS DARING TO
ASK ME, THE ALMIGHTY
"DRAGON KING,"

IF I WILL
COMMIT AN ACT THAT
IS A SYMBOL OF
INCOMPETENCE.

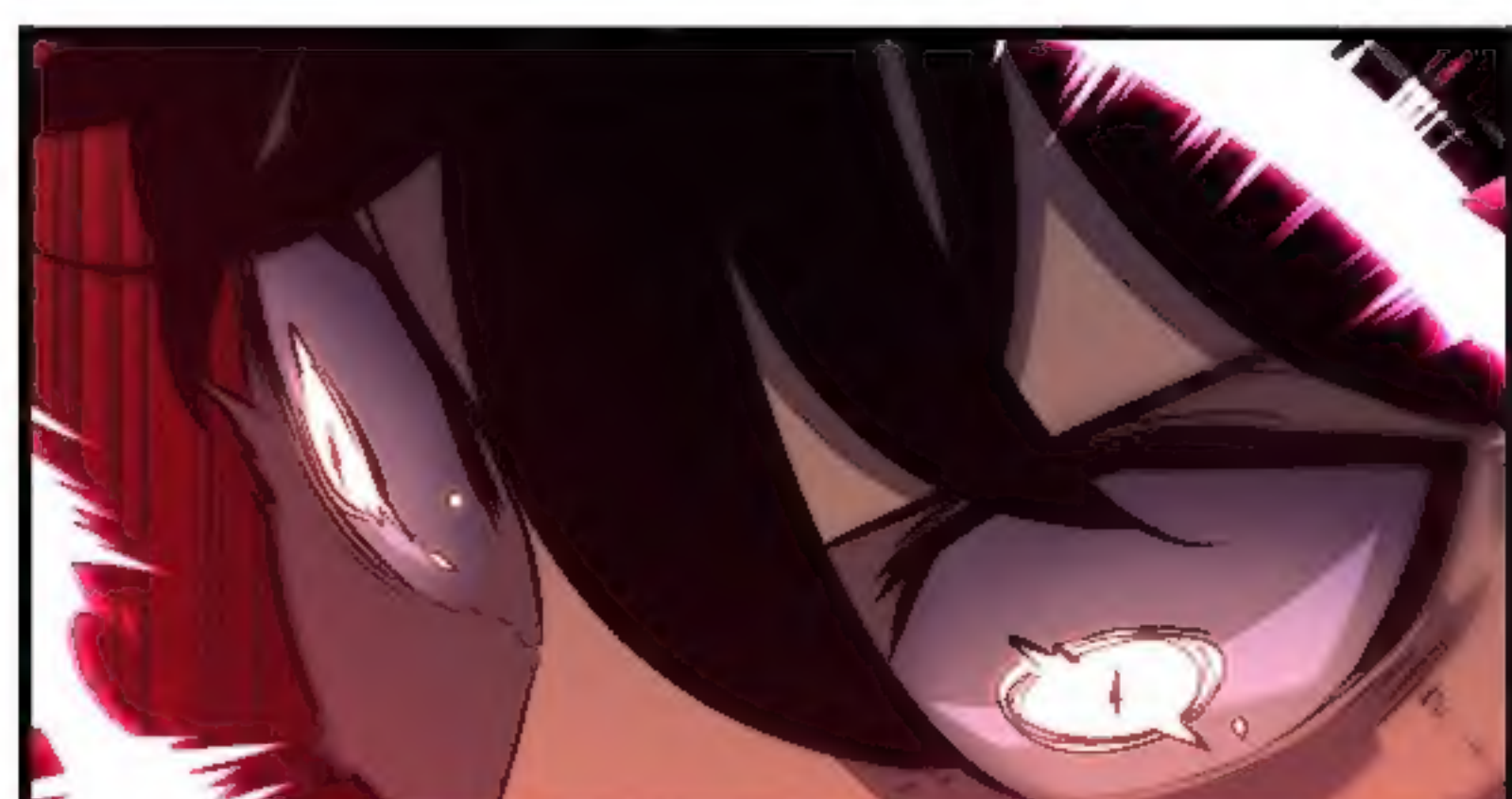
*I SIMPLY CANNOT
LET SUCH A THING
HAPPEN!*

OI...
WHERE
ARE YOU?

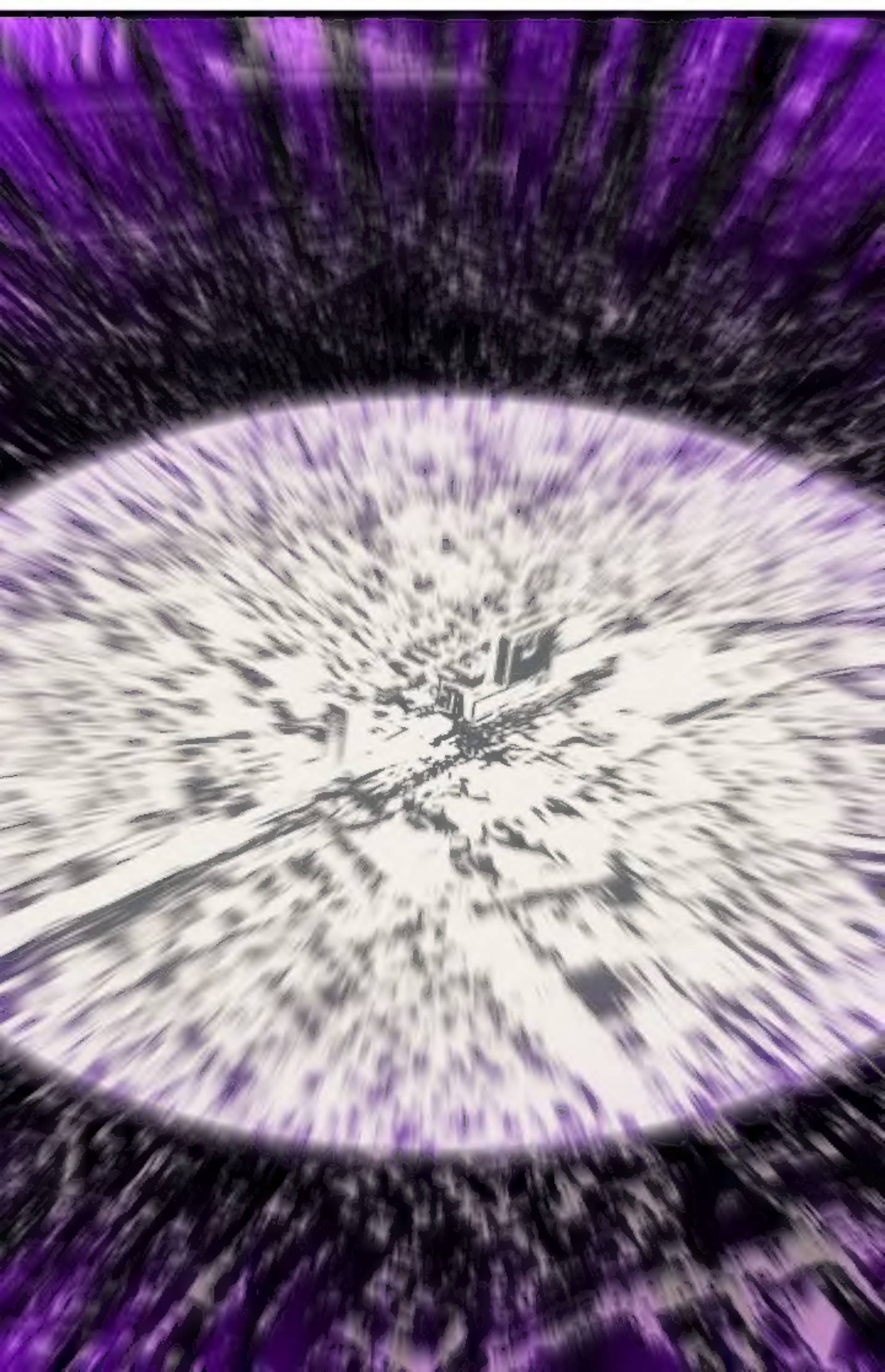
WHERE DO YOU
THINK? WE'RE ALL
WAITING IN FRONT OF
THE GATE RIGHT NOW.

AND WHY ARE
YOU TALKING TO ME
SO RUDELY ALL OF A
SUDDEN, MR. SUNG?

I MUST
FOCUS...



...SO I CAN
FIND THE PLACE
WHERE THIS ARROGANT
WOMAN'S VOICE IS
COMING FROM.



I FOUND YOU.

EXCUSE ME?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN,
YOU FOUND-

BEEP

...

WHAT THE HECK
WAS THAT ABOUT?

AM I LATE?

TAP

E...


EEK!!

I ASKED IF
I ARRIVED
LATE.

SQUEEZE

N...NO.

GOOD.



HERE YOU GO.
GOOD LUCK WITH
TODAY'S RAID.

THANKS!

SUNG! SUNG!
WHAT'S UP? HAVE
YOU HAD ANYTHING
TO EAT YET?



WHO IS THIS
MAN? IS HE MY
SUBORDINATE?

COFFEE...
I WOULD LIKE
SOME COFFEE
AS WELL.



AH, MR. SUNG
JINWOO. I'M SORRY
TO SAY THIS, BUT ALL
THE COFFEE HAS
JUST RUN OUT...





THAT
WON'T BE A
PROBLEM.



GULP

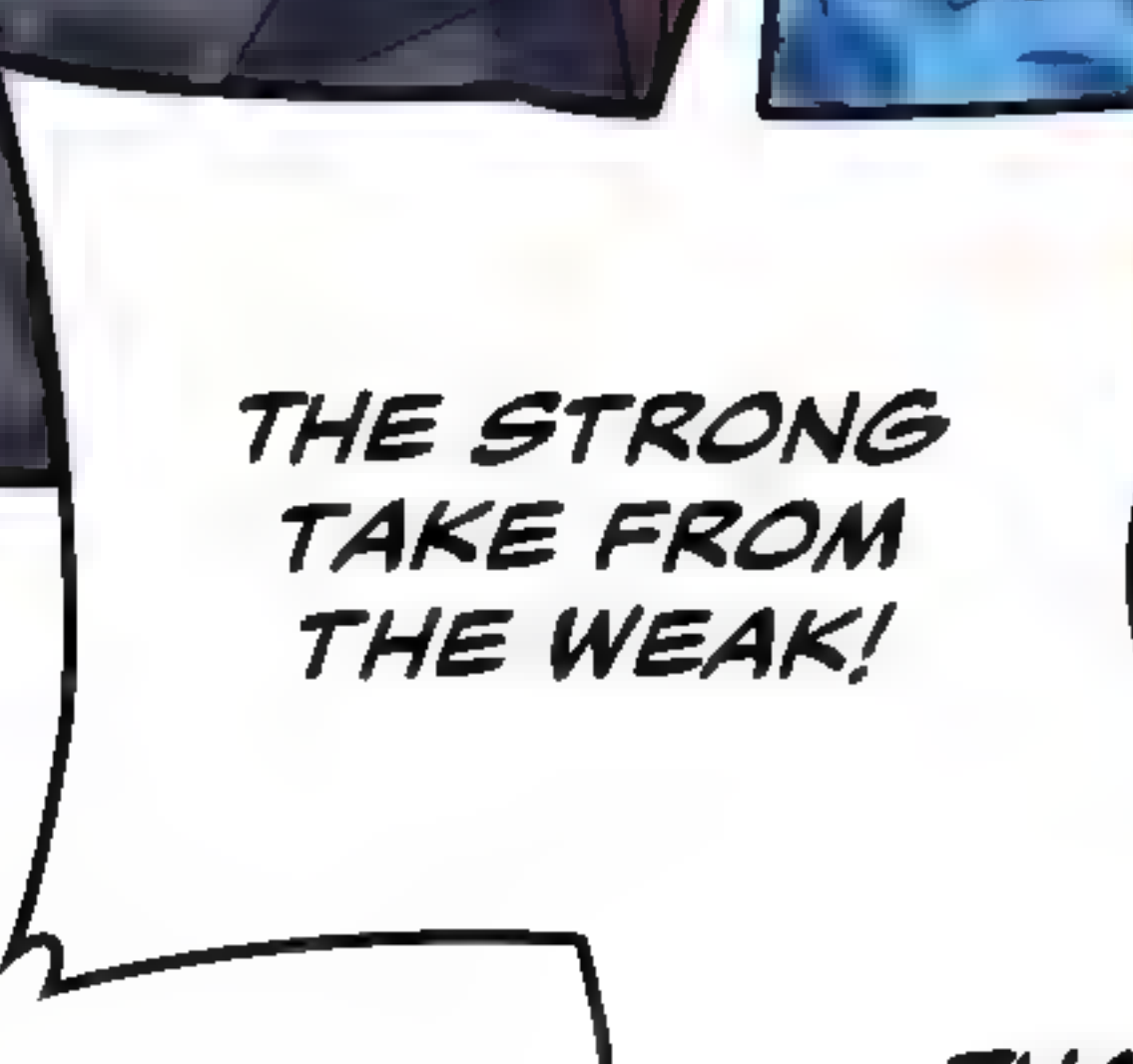
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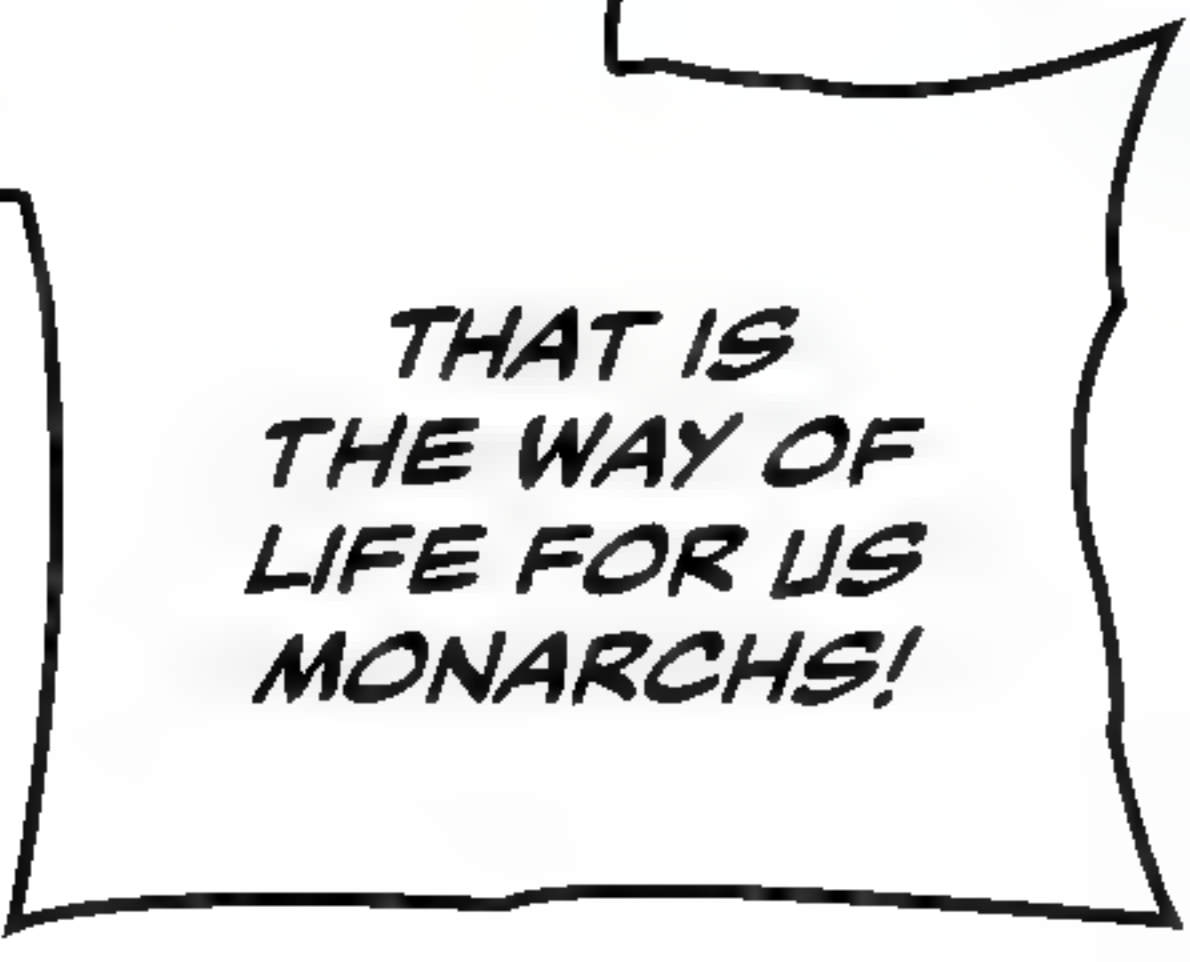
HAHA!



CRUSH



THE STRONG
TAKE FROM
THE WEAK!



THAT IS
THE WAY OF
LIFE FOR US
MONARCHS!

DON'T YOU THINK
SUNG... SEEMS
A LITTLE ODD
TODAY?

I AGREE.
THE LOOK IN HIS
EYES IS A BIT
SCARY...

HA HA


HA HA

HE'S BEEN
GIVING ME THE
CHILLS SINCE HE
GOT HERE.


AGH!
JINWOO!
YOU'RE
HURT
AGAIN!!



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOUR FACE
THIS TIME?!

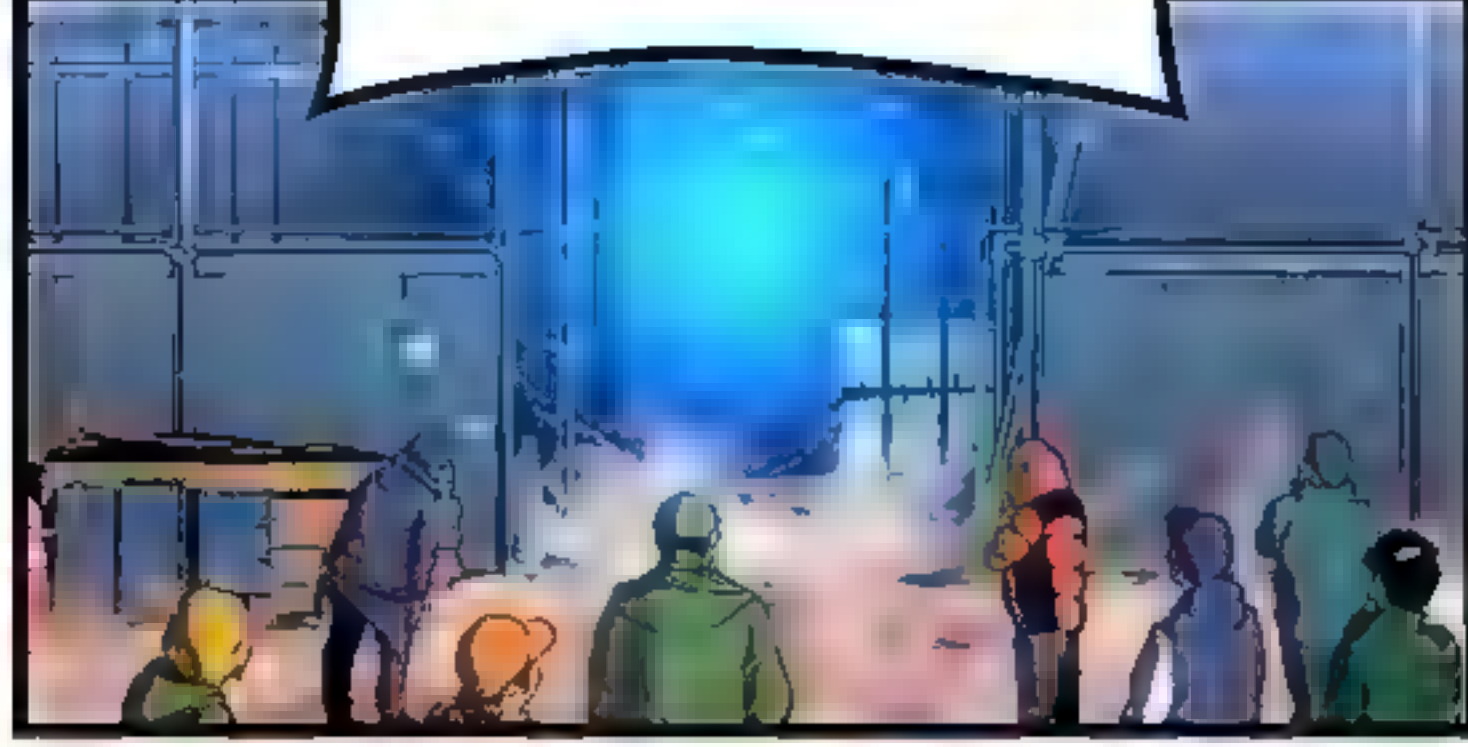


WHY ARE ALL
THE HUMANS HERE
SO NOISY?



GEEZ...
WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOU?

**LISTEN UP,
EVERYONE!**



I'M SURE WE'RE
ALL LOOKING TO HAVE
A GOOD TIME AND HIT
THE JACKPOT TODAY.
THAT SAID, EVEN THOUGH
I'M NOT IN ANY PLACE
TO SAY THIS,



I'M THINKING ABOUT
TAKING CHARGE AND
BEING THE PARTY LEADER.
HOW'S THAT SOUND TO
EVERYONE?

SONG, YOU'RE
THE HIGHEST RANK
OUT OF EVERYONE
HERE! I APPROVE.



YEAH, WE CAN
COUNT ON SONG.
LET'S SEE THOSE
SKILLS.



ALL THE GATES
THAT APPEAR ON
EARTH ARE BEING
CREATED BY THE
RULERS...

...SO WHY DO I
FEEL THE ENERGY
OF A MONARCH
COMING FROM
THAT GATE?

I BETTER
INVESTIGATE THIS.

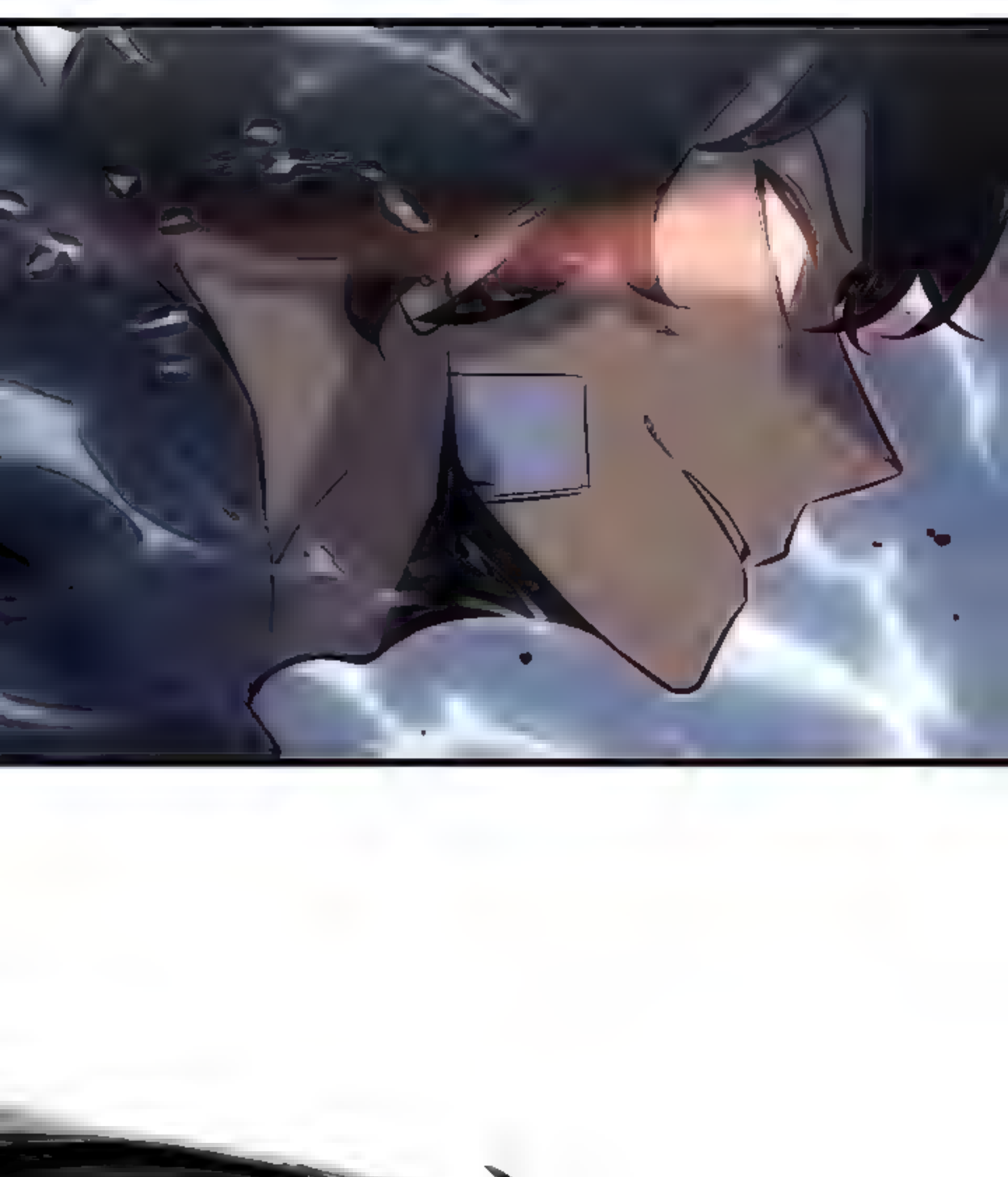
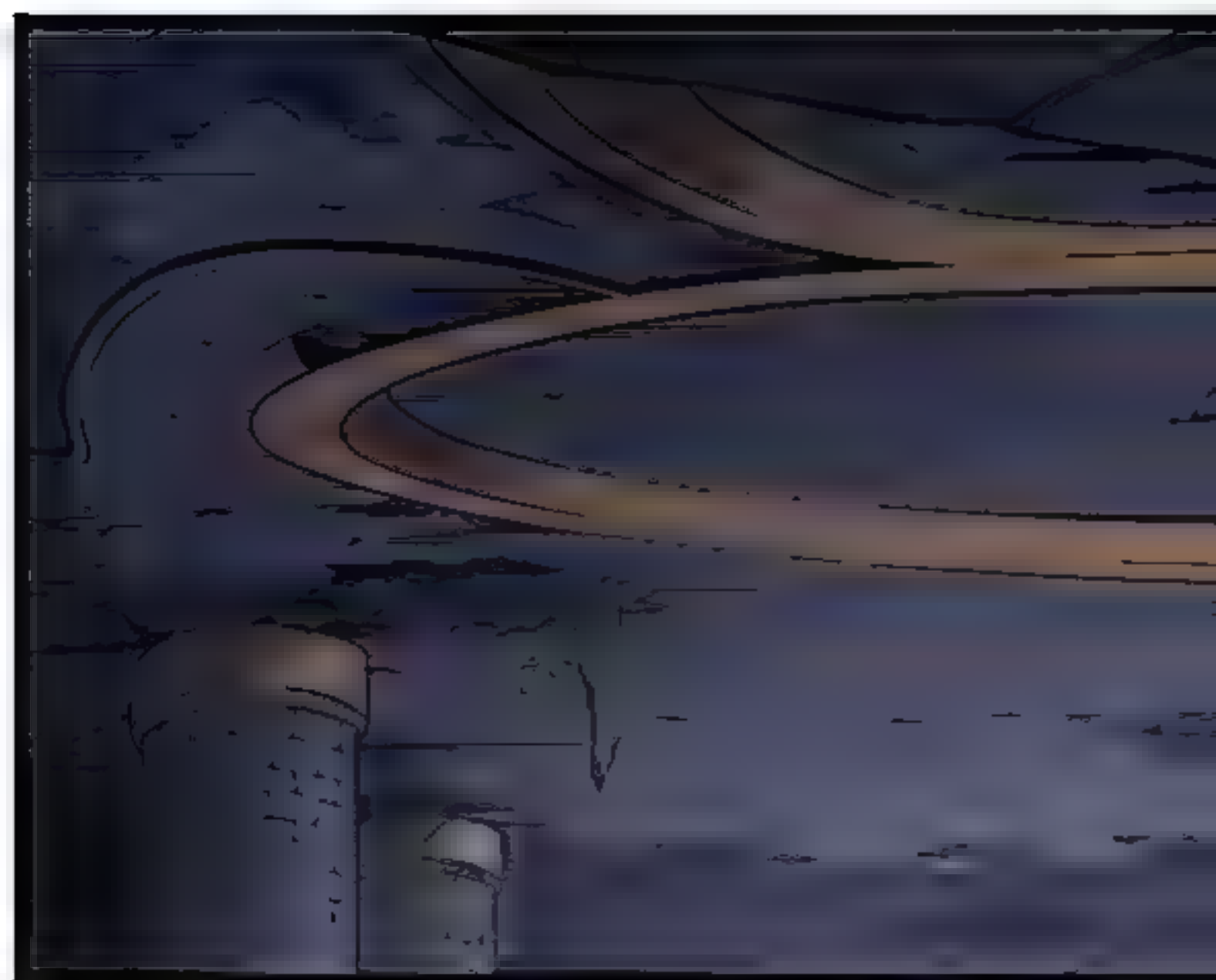
I WILL
BE GOING AS
WELL.

...HUH?
O, OF COURSE YOU
ARE, SUNG.

SUNG, KEEP
BEHIND US SO YOU
DON'T GET HURT.
TAKE IT EASY!



THAT MAN IS WEAK,
YET HE SEEMS TO BE
A LOYAL SUBORDINATE
WHO CARES ABOUT HIS
MASTER'S SAFETY.





A large dragon with grey scales and a red underbelly is breathing a stream of fire. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with the word "SLICE" written in a stylized, jagged font across it. The background is dark and smoky.

SERIOUSLY...
DOESN'T SLING
SEEM DIFFERENT
TODAY?

CRACK

WELL...
MAYBE THE MAGIC
BEASTS IN THIS
DUNGEON ARE JUST
THAT WEAK...

BUT I CAN'T
EVEN FOLLOW HIS
MOVEMENTS WITH
MY EYES...

WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING FOR?
WE MUST GO
THIS WAY.

TUMBLE

A character with dark hair and a dark suit is shown from the chest up. They are looking to the right with a serious expression. The suit has a glowing red and green emblem on the chest. The background is dark and rocky, with some debris on the ground.



WAIT! WE SHOULD
DECIDE THESE THINGS
WITH A VOTE...

KEGH

SLAP



WHO ELSE
WISHES TO VOTE
ON THIS?

...

PLOP



IT LOOKS LIKE
THE REST OF YOU
ARE WILLING TO
FOLLOW ME.

A...AREN'T
WE VENTURING IN
TOO DEEP?


HOW LONG
HAVE WE BEEN
WALKING?

FOR ABOUT
40 MINUTES NOW.

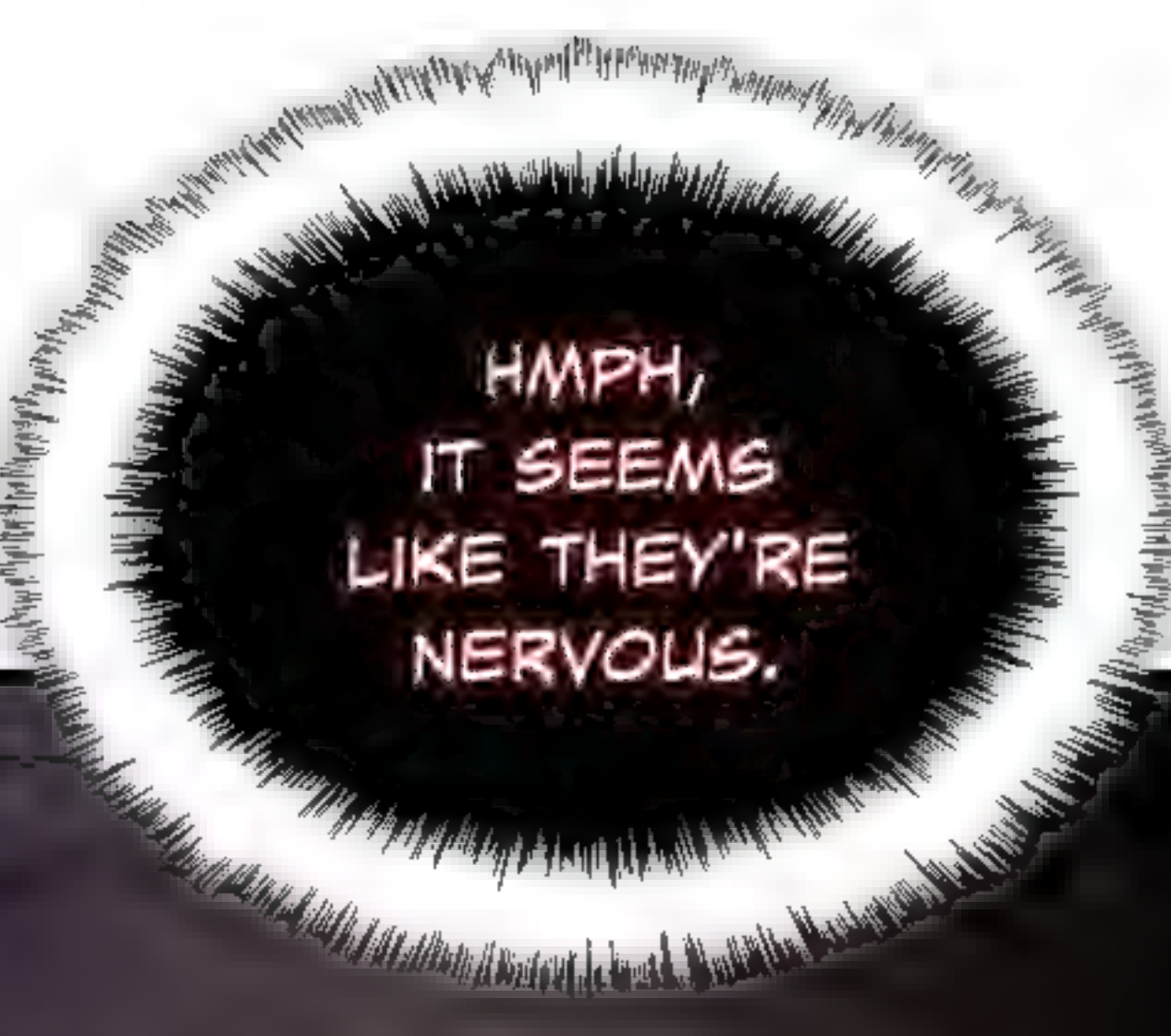
THE GATE CLOSES
ONE HOUR AFTER
THE BOSS IS DEFEATED,
SO WE'LL HAVE ABOUT
20 MINUTES' LEEWAY
TO HEAD BACK.

WHY IS THERE
A DOOR AT THE END
OF THIS CAVE?

EVEN THOUGH
THIS IS A FIRST FOR
ME, SEEMS RATHER
STRANGE.




I FEEL LIKE
THIS PLACE IS
DANGEROUS...



HMPH,
IT SEEMS
LIKE THEY'RE
NERVOUS.

MURMUR

MURMUR

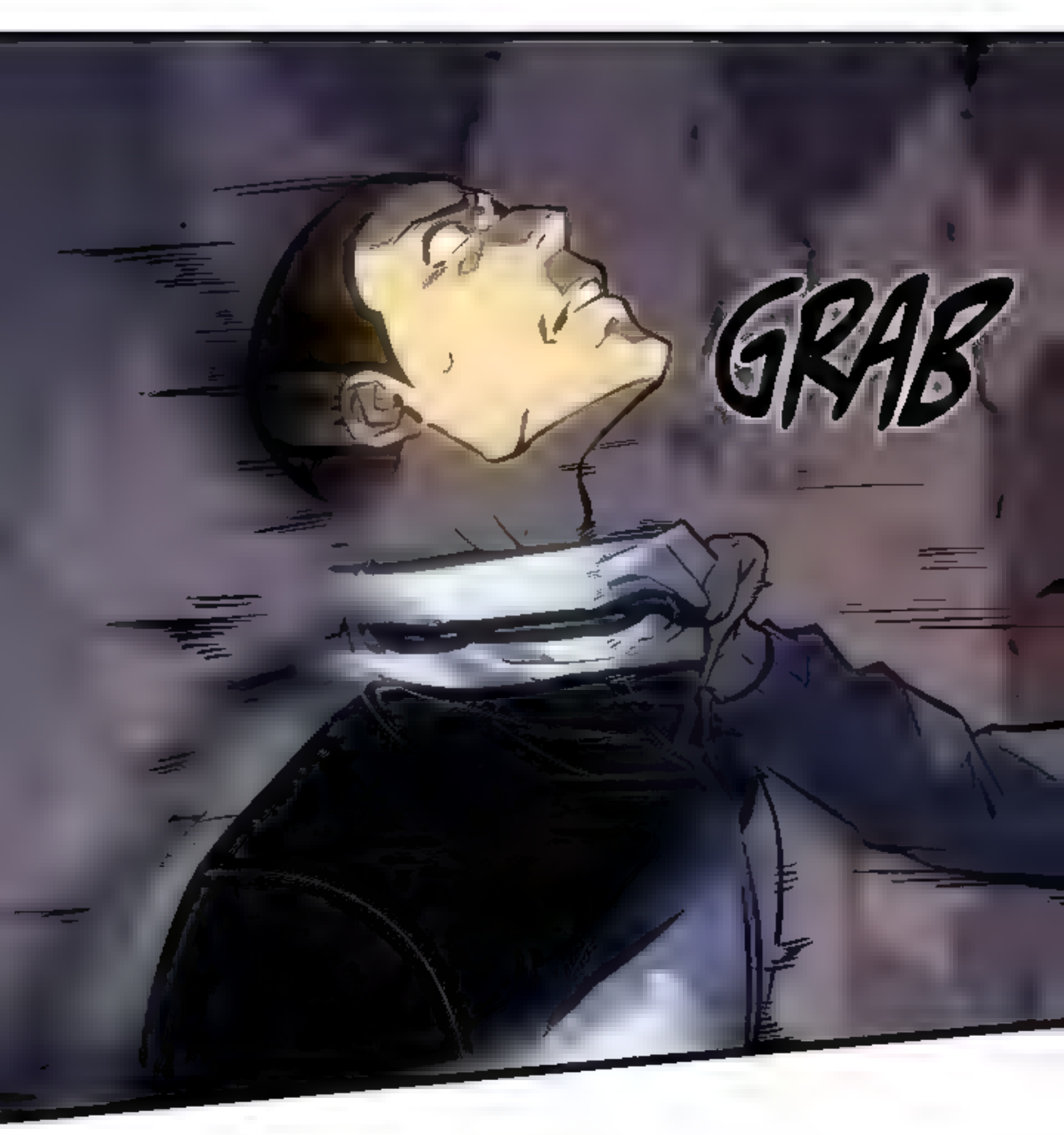
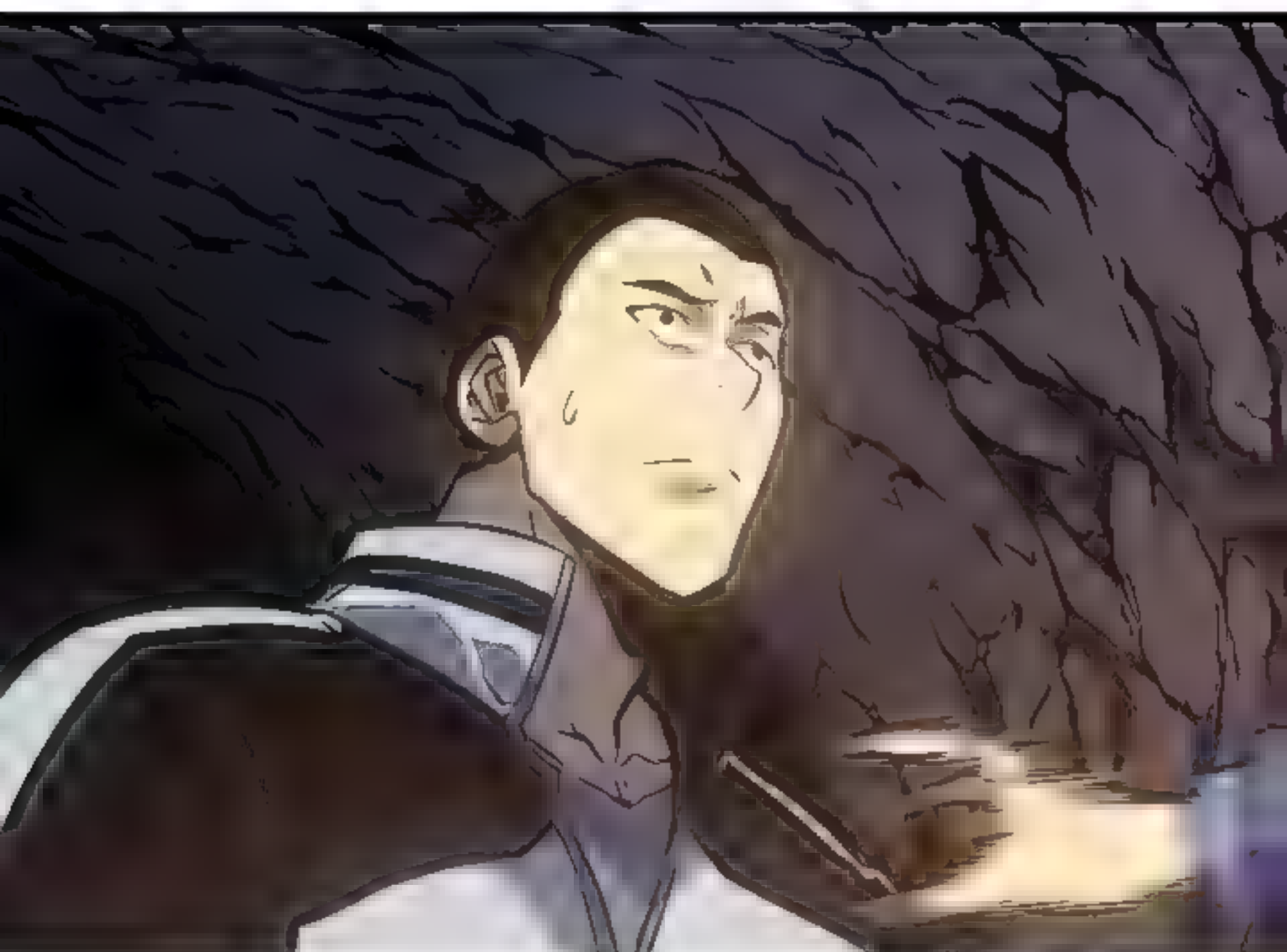


WELL, I AGREE
THAT THIS PLACE WILL
BE DANGEROUS. I MYSELF
CAN SENSE THE DAUNTING
ENERGY COMING OUT OF
THAT ROOM.

CLATTER



***W, WAIT,
SUNG!***







OOOH!
THE TORCHES
LIT UP. NICE!

NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING LIKE THIS
DUNGEON. NOW,
CHOP-CHOP! LET'S ALL
SPLIT UP AND TAKE A
LOOK AROUND.

WOW, THAT
STATUE'S
SUPER HUGE.

THAT'S NOT
THE BOSS,
IS IT?

IT'S THAT ONE,
ACTUALLY.

HUH? WAIT...
ISN'T THIS WRITING
ON THE STONE
SLATE A RUNIC
INSCRIPTION?

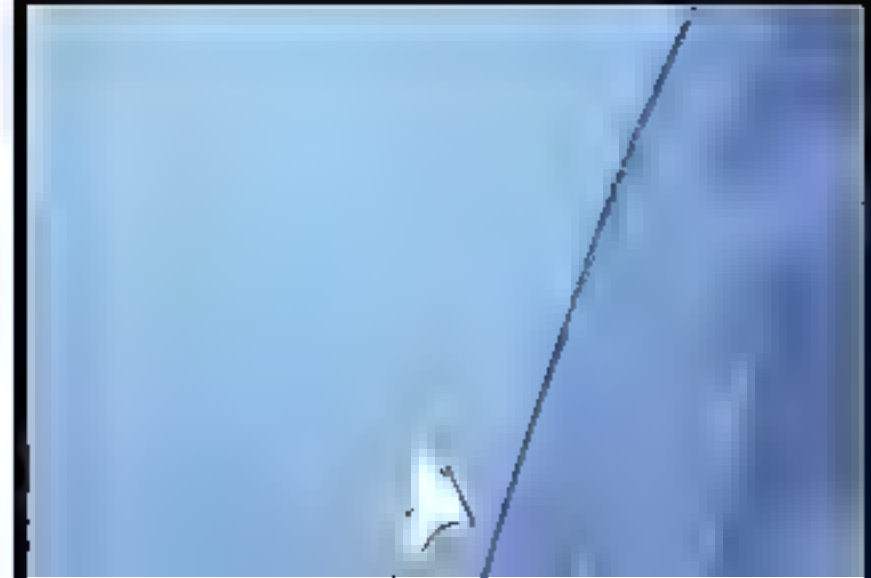


DOES ANYONE
KNOW HOW TO
READ IT?

THESE FOOLS.
WHY CAN'T A SINGLE
ONE OF THEM READ
SOMETHING SO
SIMPLE?



THE
COMMANDMENTS
OF THE CARTENON
TEMPLE.



GRAB

H, HEY,
JINWOO...

OVER...
OVER THERE...
THAT HUGE
STATUE...

LET GO
OF ME.

SNATCH

ONE. THOU SHALL
WORSHIP GOD.

TWO. THOU SHALL
PRAISE GOD.

THREE.
THOU SHALL PROVE
THY FAITH.

**THOSE WHO FAIL
TO OBEY THESE
COMMANDMENTS
SHALL NOT BE
SPARED.**

SPARK

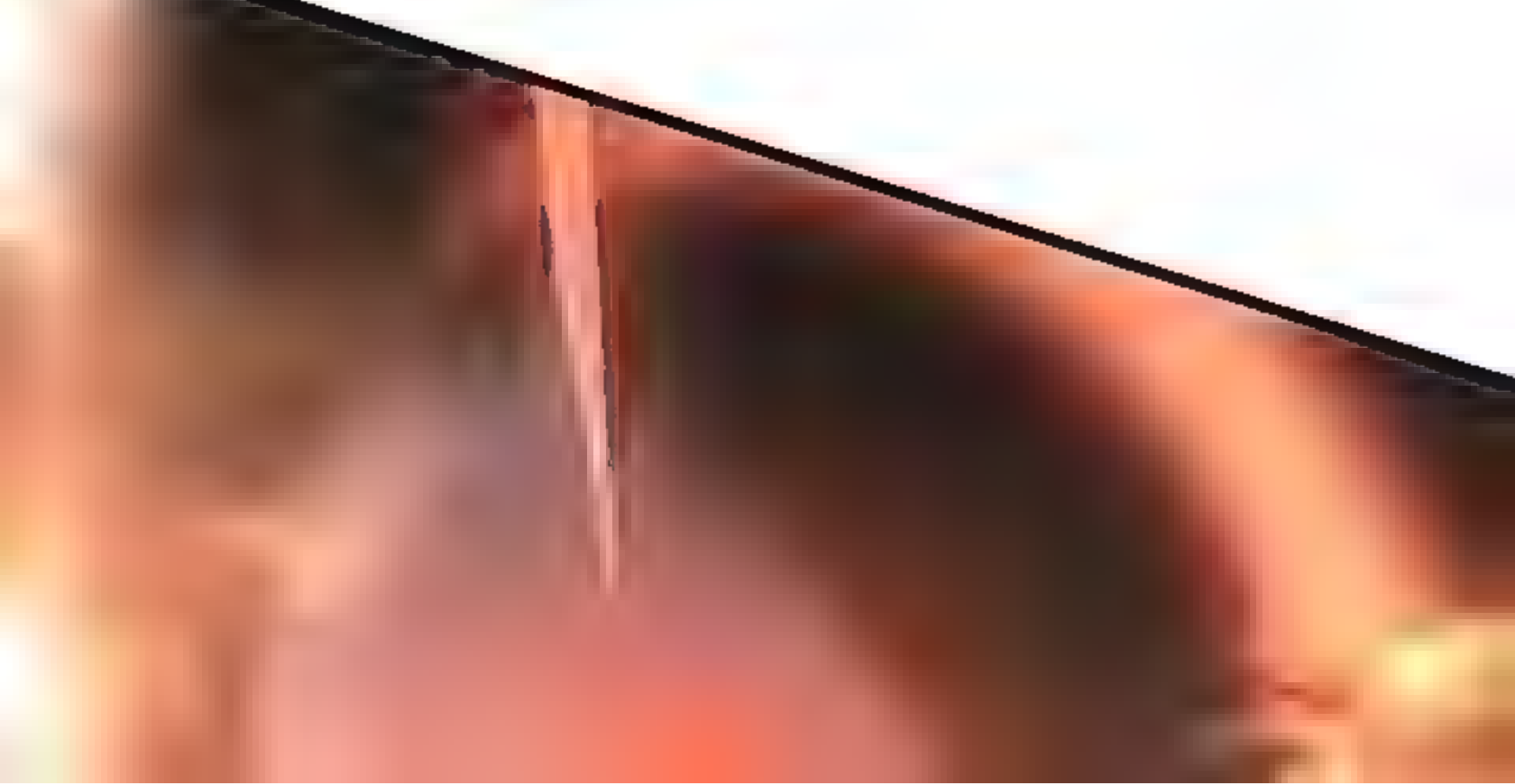


YOU DARE
TRY TO TAKE ME
DOWN WITH SUCH

DOWN WITH SUCH
LITTLE POWER?!









THE BREATH OF
DESTRUCTION!

HA!

WHAM!



CRASH









STOMP

HAHAHAHAHA!



**YOU INSOLENT
PUPPETS!**



**YOU'RE
TOO SLOW!**

BOOM!

BOOM!

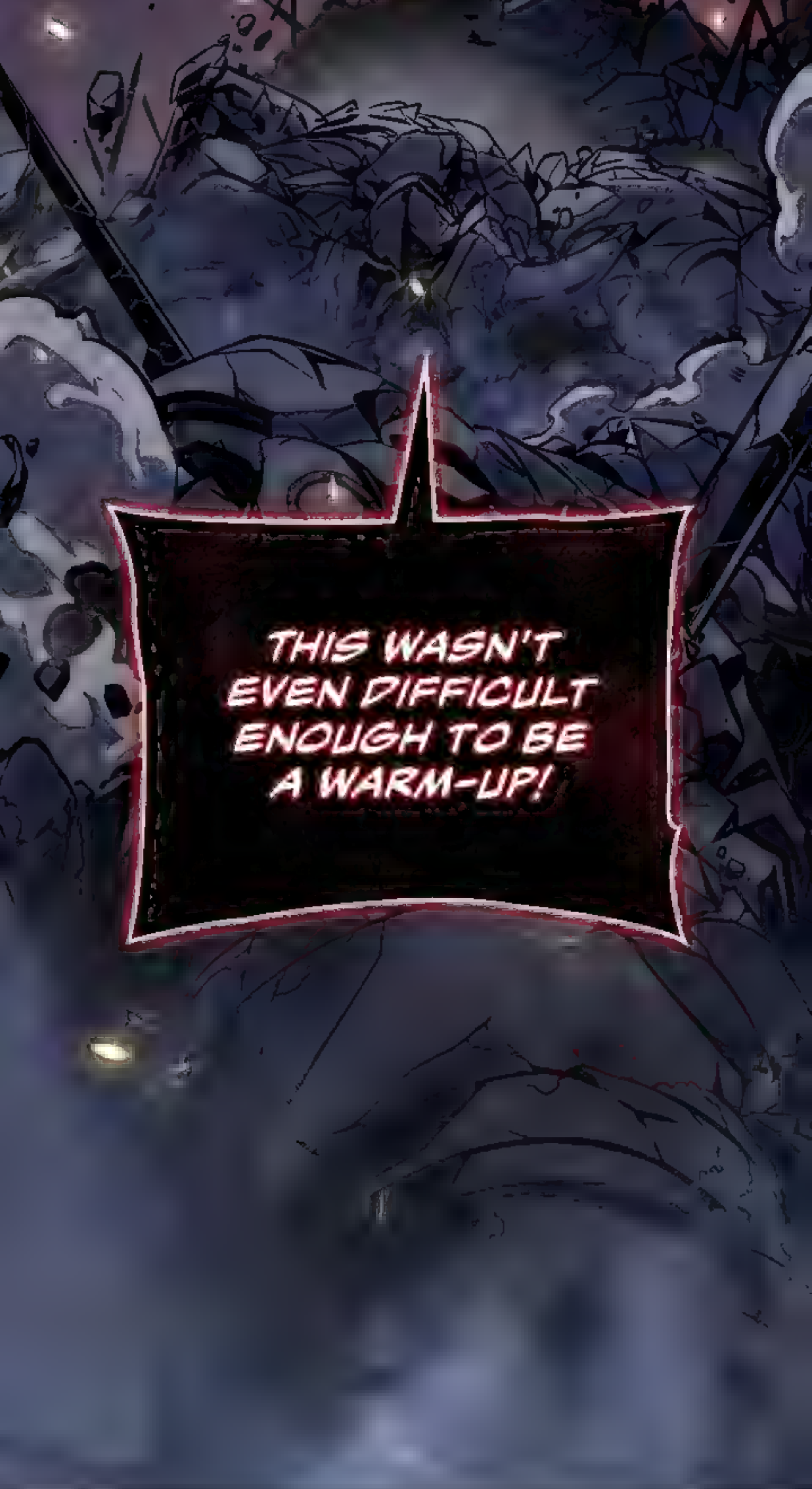
BOOM!

**WAIT! DON'T YOU
THINK THERE'S
ANOTHER WAY
TO DO THIS?!**


**WHAT
ABOUT THOSE
COMMANDMENTS
FROM EARLIER?!**

A character is shown being consumed by a large, intense fire. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with black smoke rising from it. The character is in the center of the fire, and their body is partially visible. The background is dark and smoky.

IS THIS ALL
YOU'VE GOT?

A character is shown in a dark, smoky environment. The character is wearing a dark, hooded cloak and is holding a long, thin object, possibly a sword or a staff. The character is looking down at the object. The background is dark and smoky, with some light reflecting off the smoke.

THIS WASN'T
EVEN DIFFICULT
ENOUGH TO BE
A WARM-UP!

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WHO IN
THE WORLD
ARE YOU?!





I DIDN'T COME
HERE TO SPEAK
WITH THAT FAKE.

THE ONE I
SEEK IS THE ONE
PULLING THE
STRINGS FROM
THE SHADOWS!

SHOW
YOURSELF, YOU
COWARD!

RUMBLE

MONARCH OF
DESTRUCTION.

STOMP

WE WERE
DESTINED TO
MEET LIKE THIS.

I SHALL
PUT AN END TO
OUR ILL-FATED
RELATIONSHIP
HERE, ONCE AND
FOR ALL!

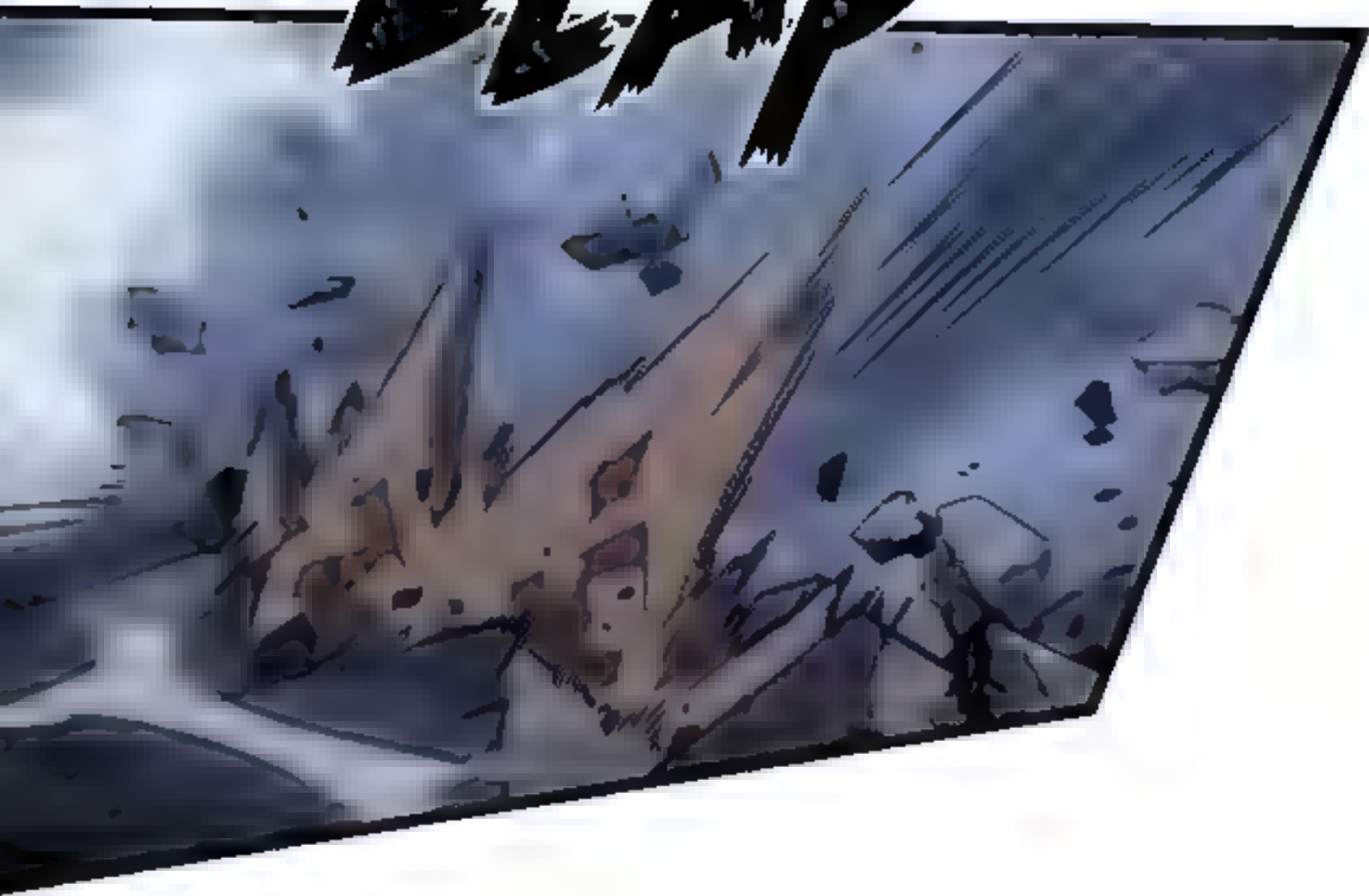
WHOOOSH



I LIKE
THE SOUND
OF THAT!



LEAP



COME!

**OUR BATTLE WON'T
END EASILY!**



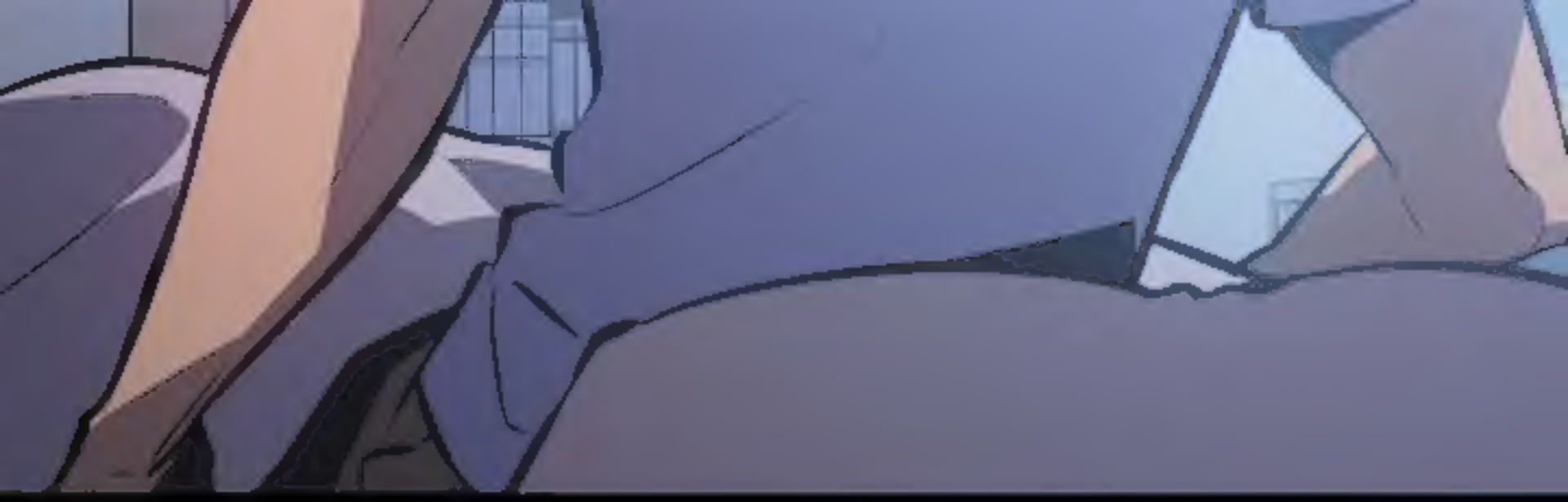
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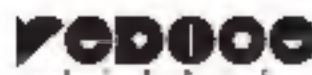
WHAT WAS
THAT...?





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